

ABSTRACT

A connecting member for securing an interior trim assembly to a support of an automobile. The connecting member includes a connector body having a first end adapted to couple to the trim assembly and a second end adapted to couple to the vehicle support, and a sealing gasket integrally molded onto the connector body. Preferably, the connector body has a first hardness and the sealing gasket has a second hardness relatively lower than the first hardness to form a tight seal between the connecting member and the vehicle support. A two-shot molding process may be used to form the connecting member with the connector body being formed in the first shot of the molding process and the sealing gasket being formed in the second shot of the molding process.